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1. Opposite the Finnish frontier, there are three main Russian military headquarters, viz., Murmansk, Soroka (64° 30' N, 35° E), and Petrozavodsk. There is a smaller headquarters at Suoyarvi (62° 15' N, 32° 30' E). It is estimated that the number of officers at the Murmansk, Soroka, and Petrozavodsk headquarters is sufficient to staff eight to ten divisions. There are very few armed soldiers to be seen near these headquarters, but there are sizeable arms and ammunition dumps. The officers carry out frequent reconnaissance and topographical trips towards the west.
2. In the summer of 1946, there were artillery troops at Perkarvi, motorized troops at Enso and Vartsila, and two battalions of heavy tanks (30 tanks) at Impiyarvi.
Comment: All points unidentified.) 50X1-HUM
3. During the summer of 1946, work was in progress on an airfield at Kiviniemi, near Sakkola. Comment: Possibly Skolozero at 66° 30' N, 31° E.) It was thought that the landing area was being hardened and leveled. 50X1-HUM
4. On the Karelian Isthmus, there is no military activity and no headquarters have been located. There are no troops apart from frontier guards.
5. Fifty to sixty thousand prisoners (military and civilian) are at work on the railway linking Murmansk and Arkhangelsk. Many of the Russian prisoners "liberated" from PW camps are employed in this work. 50X1-HUM
6. During the autumn of 1946, urgent work was in progress on the roads in the Uhtua-Kiestinki area. Comment: Possibly Ukhta, 65° N, 31° E.) 50X1-HUM

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